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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 09/21/2004 in the above referenced patent application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

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